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SUBJECT: GOI LANDSAT GROUND STATION PLANS

REF: NEW DELHI 14137

1. DEPARTMENT AND NASA PLEASED TO LEARN OF GOI ACCEPTANCE OF BASIC PRINCIPLES OF LANDSAT AGREEMENT. GROUND STATION IN INDIA WILL BE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL REAL-TIME COVERAGE AND TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN SOUTH ASIA. NASA FORWARDING TO EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION VIA DEPARTMENT CURRENT VERSION OF STANDARD GROUND STATION AGREEMENT TO BE BASIS OF NASA MOU WITH NRSA.

2. NASA APPRECIATES NRSA DESIRE TO BEGIN RECEIVING LANDSAT DATA DIRECTLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO EXPLORE JOINTLY SEVERAL POSSIBLE INTERIM MEASURES FOR OBTAINING DATA DURING THE PERIOD (GENERALLY 1-2 YEARS)  
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NRSA'S PERMANENT FACILITIES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. AS NEXT STEP NASA RECOMMENDS GOI/NRSA SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS INDIA'S GROUND STATION PLANS, REVIEW DRAFT STATION AGREEMENT AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE

OPTIONS FOR INTERIM DATA RECEPTION AND PROCESSING.

4. (FYI IF, AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION, LOAN OF TRANSPORTABLE RECEIVER APPEARS MOST FEASIBLE INTERIM COURSE FOR INDIA, NASA WOULD WANT TO ENSURE THAT INDIA'S USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT BECOMES AN INCENTIVE, RATHER THAN AN IMPEDIMENT, TO THE TIMELY ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT LANDSAT GROUND STATION. CONSISTENT WITH THIS OBJECTIVE CONCLUSION OF PERMANENT GROUND STATION AGREEMENT WOULD NECESSARILY PRECEDE LOAN OF TRANSPORTABLE RECEIVER OR ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT FOR DIRECT INDIAN ACCESS TO LANDSAT. END FYI) VANCE

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